

Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department

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2007-08 Budget Proposal

Chief's Salary-\$12,000

No change is proposed in this budget

Personnel Pay-\$6,000

The town voted several years ago to reimburse our volunteers for expenses they might incur while in the service of the fire department. We've had several new members join recently and contribute to the effort. This increase of \$500 reflects the new membership, and does not change the amount each active member will receive.

Electricity-\$1,500

We're not sure what electric rates will do in 18-months, so to be safe a \$100 increase is budgeted.

Telephone-\$750

This is used to pay for the line in the building (approx. \$55/month) and the cell phone in truck 405 (approx \$10/month).

Heating Oil – \$3,500

The fluctuations in the cost of oil are enormous. We use generally 1,500 gallons/year. This would work out to \$2.33/gallon. We're currently paying \$2.05/gallon in the consortium purchase this year.

Truck Maintenance - \$3,500

No change is proposed from the current fiscal year. That appears to be about the average paid the last two fiscal years.

Pump Maintenance - \$1,000

No change is proposed from the current fiscal year. Again, that appears to be about the amount spent the last two fiscal years.

Body Work - \$500

No change is proposed

Rescue Boat Maintenance - \$300

This is designed to cover annual motor and trailer service work.

Radio Maintenance - \$700

As we continue to upgrade radios and pagers, maintenance has dropped a bit. The \$100 reduction reflects the average of the last two fiscal years.

Equipment Maintenance \$500

No change is proposed from the current fiscal year.

Lights & Batteries - \$300

No change is proposed

Station Supplies - \$300

No change is proposed

Hand Tools - \$100

No change is proposed

First Aid - \$300

The \$50 increase reflects the increased costs of first aid supplies. One bad accident and we are looking at high first aid replacement costs.

Inoculation Program - \$500

The series of Hepatitis B Shots currently costs about \$150/member. This would cover 3 members receiving the series with a slight increase built in.

Respiratory Fit testing - \$400

No change is proposed from the current fiscal year. This program is required by state law. Any interior firefighter must be tested, usually annually, to make sure the airpack/facemask fits properly.

Station Repairs - \$800

The \$300 increase is to reflect the actual spent the previous fiscal year. The current fiscal year has seen a sizable expenditure as the Selectmen decided to purchase an additional warranty for the roofing project and the furnace maintenance contract.

Hydrants - \$1,000

This line is reduced \$500 to reflect less spending lately on fire hydrant maintenance

Gas & Diesel - \$1,000

Like the price of heating oil, we don't know what the price of fuel will do. The amount used varies depending on the number of calls and the duration of the calls received. This is a best guess based on previous years.

Extinguishers - \$100

No change proposed

Oil & Fluids - \$350

Every other year the fire department changes all the truck oil. This reflects that year.

Foam - \$300

A slight (\$50) reduction from the current fiscal year. Our foam inventory is OK for now, but a large fire could deplete that quickly. This will buy about 25-gallons of foam.

Air Pack Maintenance - \$1,300

No change from the current fiscal year.

Fire Prevention - \$50

No change from the current fiscal year

Dues & Memberships - \$500

This covers dues in NFPA, Maine Federation of Firefighters, Hancock County Firefighters Assoc. and some magazine subscriptions. No change from current fiscal year

Training - \$1,500

No change from current fiscal year. We will spend \$1,400 to send four members to FF1 school this year.

Other - \$0

NFPA Books - \$700

The price went up this current fiscal year. This is to reflect another possible price increase.

Pager - \$1,750

Many members have very old pagers that are not working reliably. This will cover the cost of 4-pagers.

Attack Hose/Nozzles - \$0

Supply Hose - \$650

No change – this will buy 1 section of 4" hose

Indian Tanks - \$0

Turnout Gear - \$2,000

This represents about 3-sets of gear, either for new members or to replace worn out gear.

Radio Purchase \$0

Air Pack Replacement \$0

Equipment Purchases \$0

Truck/Ladder/Hose Testing \$250

No change from current fiscal year.

Total Fire Budget: \$33,600, up 6.33%

Public Safety Budget – Non Fire

Ambulance - \$10,465

This is the final year of the ambulance contract at \$7.00/capita.

Dispatching - \$2,300

It's my understanding the RCC will be increasing the dispatch cost to \$1.54/capita for the fire services.

Animal Control - \$1,200

This is based on two years of actual costs that have risen. With more people in town, we've had more animal control complaints, and have put on a deputy Animal Control Officer to handle the volume. He's been very good, pro-active and responsive to complaints. The animal control income has risen to help fund this cost.

Total Public Safety - \$47,565.00

The budget is up 9.25%. That represents a \$4,027.25 increase. Fire is \$2,000 of that. Ambulance is \$1,495. Animal control is offset by the fee income. Dispatch is controlled by the county government.